

CITY OF NEWTON  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL AGENDA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2011

City Hall  
Room 222

7:00 pm

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

Nominations & Election for 2011 Traffic Council Chair

- #135-10      The WARD 4 ALDERMEN appealing denial of Traffic Council Decision TC42-09 voted on April 29, 2010: ALD, HARNEY, SANGIOLO AND GENTILE requesting **a)** a study for possible traffic calming measures to regulate speed on the following streets: West Pine Street and Melrose Avenue near the Auburndale Cove playground and parking lot and **b)** request turning restrictions from Lexington Street onto Staniford Street during rush hour or any other means to reduce cut-through commuter traffic on the surrounding streets – Staniford, West Pine and Melrose Streets. (Ward 4) (Appeal filed on 04/30/10 @ 11:46 AM)  
**Public Safety & Transportation Committee HELD 6-0, Approved a 60-day trial on 06/09/10, No Right Turn, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, Lexington Street onto Staniford Street.**  
**Public Safety & Transportation Committee voted the following on 01/05/11**  
**A) NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0, Ald. Yates not voting**  
**B) TRIAL APPROVED 3-2-1, Ald. Fuller and Freedman opposed, Ald. Shapiro abstaining, Ald. Yates not voting**

**Chairman's Note:** TC39-10 is a discussion item only. It is intended to gather input from residents and business owners on this issue. No changes to parking regulations will be made as a part of item TC39-10.

- TC39-10      JEROME GRAFE requesting discussion of traffic flow and potential parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Beacon and Homer Streets and between Commonwealth Avenue and Elm Road, in support of extending the existing bike lane on Walnut Street, both north and south bound, accordingly. (Wards 2 & 6) [11/24/10 @ 3:13 PM]

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**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- TC1-11 DAREN DEAN, Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street, requesting Right Turn on Red at the intersection of Centre and Jefferson Streets. (Ward 1) [01/07/11 @ 11:08 AM]
- TC42-10 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Newton Safe Routes to School Task Force, requesting installation of a pedestrian hybrid signal and crosswalk on Parker Street in the vicinity of Daniel Street and Athelstane Road, to be paid for through Mass DOT' Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program. (Ward 6) [12/23/10 @ 9:10 AM]
- TC41-10 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of the Newton Safe Routes to School Task Force, requesting parking restrictions on both sides of Cypress Street, in the vicinity of 280 Cypress Street, in association with modifications to the island and related infrastructure changes near the school entrance, to be paid for through Mass DOT'S Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program. (Ward 6) [12/23/10 @ 9:10 AM]
- TC40-10 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR, SHAPIRO, FULLER AND BAKER requesting discussion of and possible ban of parking during morning rush hour on Beacon Street a) (North side) between Langley Road and Centre Street and b) (South side) between Langley Road and Centre Street. (Wards 6 & 7) [12/13/10 @ 11:56 AM]
- HP3-10 DAVID KOSES on behalf of the Jackson Homestead, requesting a handicap parking space on Jackson Road in the vicinity of the Jackson Homestead. (Ward 1) [09/27/10 @ 11:15 AM]  
**(No position taken by the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities (MCPD). On 11/08/10, the MCPD Committee voted 7-0-0 to recommend that the request for handicap parking be revisited when the renovations to improve accessibility planned for Jackson Homestead/Newton History Museum have been completed).**
- TC38-10 ALD. JOHNSON AND LINSKY requesting a lowering of the speed limit on Cabot Street. (Wards 1 & 2) [11/01/10 @ 9:12 AM]
- TC37-10 NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD, Newton recommending the implementation of a pedestrian-activated blinking warning sign on a mast-arm above Walnut Street (at either Hyde or Duncklee Streets), similar to those recently implemented at other locations in Newton, and any other necessary measures to allow for a safe pedestrian crossing area in this corridor of Walnut Street (currently lacking). (Ward 6) [10/13/10 @ 11:44 AM]
- TC34-10 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an analysis of parking and traffic flow on Florence Street as it relates to pedestrian and bike safety. (Wards 7 & 8) [10/04/10 @ 3:44 PM]

- TC33-10 DAVID KOSES on behalf of the Jackson Homestead, requesting changes to reduce commuter parking on the south side of Washington Street, in the proximity of the Jackson Homestead. (Ward 1) [09/27/10 @ 11:15 AM]
- TC32-10 GABE SMALLMAN, c/o Mark Schwarcz, 600 California Street, requesting Goddard Street be considered a one-way street to address speeding and to reduce cut through traffic. (Ward 8) [09/07/10 @ 3:28 PM]
- TC30-10 NANCY BRAUDIS, 57 Theodore Road, requesting a pedestrian warning beacon with a crosswalk at Theodore Road and Parker Street. (Ward 8) [08/30/10 @ 11:45 AM]  
**HELD (4-1, Grafe) on 12/16/10 until additional counts can be taken during warmer weather.**
- TC29-10 ALDERMEN BAKER, FULLER AND SCHNIPPER requesting installation of pedestrian activated warning light at a crosswalk location to be determined on Beacon Street between Hammond Street and Reservoir Avenue, together with suitable illumination, or other enhancements, to facilitate Safe pedestrian crossing while maintaining through traffic flow. (Ward 7) [08/26/10 @ 8:53 AM]
- TC28-10 JAMES DANILA, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, requests a right turn only restriction on westbound Carriage Road at Lowell Avenue to facilitate the relocation of the stop line on Lowell Avenue to help improve pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety. (Ward 2) [08/26/10 @ 8:57 AM]  
**HELD (3-0-1, Grafe, Ciccone not present) on 10/21/10. Traffic Council will await additional input from abutters.**  
**HELD (5-0) on 12/16/10. Traffic Council will take this item up again in March 2011 with additional design and cost information to be provided by the Department of Public Works.**
- TC24-10 ALD. DANBERG AND BLAZAR requesting discussion on possible methods of improving traffic flow and safety at the intersections of Beacon and Centre Streets and Beacon Street and Langley Road, including but not limited to re-timing of the lights. (Ward 6) [07/02/10 @ 12:22 PM]
- TC23-10 ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR AND SHAPIRO, on behalf of Kay Alexander and Steve Hamilton requesting a discussion on traffic mitigation possibilities on Sumner, Marshall, Everett and Gibbs Streets in Newton Centre to address speeding and cut-through traffic. (Ward 6) [06/21/10 @ 10:02 PM]
- TC17-10 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, on behalf of School Department, requesting parking restrictions on Walnut Street between Hull Street and Otis Street. (Ward 2) [05/12/10 @ 4:30 PM]  
**B) HELD (5-0) on 06/24/10 for 60-Day Trial, No standing, both sides, School Days 7:00am to 4:00pm, between a point where the northbound left-turn lane to Elm Road begins at Hull Street.**  
**B) HELD (4-1, Grafe) on 09/30/10 to extend existing 60-day trial.**

- TC15-10 JAMES & NANCY BOWDRING, 94 Hammondswood Road, requesting No Left Turn 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Beacon Street and Hammondswood Road. (Ward 7) [05/06/10 @ 12:36 PM]  
**HELD (4-0, Ciccone not present) on 10/21/10 for 60-Day Trial, No Left Turn 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., from Beacon Street to Hammondswood Road.**
- TC14-10 WILLIAM FRANKLIN, 29 Trowbridge Avenue, requesting a) no parking either side of Trowbridge Avenue 24 hrs/day except by permit, b) each household should be issued two mobile permits and c) the street should be posted on either end as residents only. (Ward 2) [05/04/10 @ 6:20 PM]  
**HELD (5-0) on 09/30/10 for new 60-Day Trial, No Standing, all days, north side of public way section of Trowbridge Avenue; No Parking, south side of Trowbridge Avenue, from Walnut Street to a point 50 feet east of Walnut Street; One-Hour Limit, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., all days, south side of Trowbridge Avenue, from a point 50 feet east of Walnut Street to the end of the public way.**
- TC55-09 ALD. CICCONE, LENNON AND MERRILL requesting a safety analysis and improvements at the intersection of Lewis Terrace, Lewis Street and Newtonville Avenue. (Ward 1) [01/12/10 @ 10:44 AM]  
**HELD (5-0) on 09/30/10. DPW will add Speed Limit signage and alter street lighting, if appropriate, perform a speed study on Newtonville Avenue and conduct tree trimming.**
- TC29-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting installation of a pedestrian-activated warning signal on Commonwealth Avenue in front of the Marriott Hotel in Auburndale. (Ward 4) [08/04/09 @ 9:59 AM]  
**HELD (5-0) on 12/17/09. Item will be rescheduled at a time to be requested by Ward 4 Aldermen.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Danila, Traffic Council Chair